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BEGIN COMMENTS ON U.S. RESCUE ATTEMPT IN IRAN

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(TEXT) LET US GO OVER TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AFTER PRIME MINISTER MENAHEM BEGIN AND FOREIGN MINISTER SHAMIR MET WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD BROWN (AS HEARD) AN HOUR AGO. THEY DISCUSSED THE FAILURE OF THE U.S. ACTION IN IRAN. FOLLOWING THE MEETING OUR CORRESPONDENT ARYE GOLAN SPOKE WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. (BEGIN RECORDING)

(QUESTION) DID ISRAEL KNOW ABOUT THE ACTION THAT WAS ABOUT TO BE TAKEN?

(ANSWER) FROM THE OUTSET.

(ANSWER) (?IT CAN BE ASSUMED.) (WORDS INDISTINCT)

(QUESTION) WHAT IS YOUR REACTION?

(ANSWER) THE MISHAP IS TO BE REGRETTED. LOSS OF LIFE WAS CAUSED. WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR REGRET TO THE U.S. CHARGE D'AFFAIRES.

(QUESTION) WILL THE STATUS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE WORLD BE HARMED NOW?

(ANSWER) I DON'T THINK I CAN ANSWER THAT QUESTION. I HOPE NOT. AFTER ALL THEY MADE AN ATTEMPT TO RESCUE THEIR HOSTAGES. THERE WAS A MISHAP. THIS CAN HAPPEN TO ANYONE. FROM A HUMAN POINT OF VIEW WE SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE GRIEF OF THE U.S. PRESIDENT AND THE U.S. PEOPLE. (END RECORDING)

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